

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Claim 26 is amended herein. Claims 1 through 25 and 40-112 are cancelled herein.

Please note that all claims currently pending and under consideration in the referenced application are shown below. Please enter these claims as amended. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1.-25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently amended) A method of conducting a pari-mutuel gaming activity on a computerized ~~parimutuel~~ pari-mutuel gaming system, the method comprising:  
providing at least one patron an opportunity to select at least one runner from a list of runners on a display element with an input device coupled to a computerized ~~parimutuel~~ pari-mutuel gaming system operatively configured with hardware and software;  
responsive to the at least one patron selecting the at least one runner with the input device, providing the at least one patron an opportunity to place at least one first wager on a race wherein the at least one runner makes up a portion of the at least one first wager;  
solely responsive to the at least one patron placing the at least one first wager, providing the at least one patron with at least one wager option including the at least one runner and an opportunity to place at least one second wager on the race by selecting the at least one wager option on the display element with the input device; and  
displaying on the display element at least one indicia of a wager selected by the at least one patron.

27. (Canceled)

28. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 26, wherein the at least one second wager is not related to the at least one first wager.

29. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 26, further comprising:  
responsive to the at least one patron placing the at least one first wager, providing the at least one patron an opportunity to select at least another runner on the display element with the input device;  
wherein the at least one wager option includes the at least one runner and the at least another runner.

30. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 29, wherein the providing the at least one patron with the opportunity to place the at least one second wager by selecting the at least one wager option on the display element with the input device comprises:  
generating a pool of wager options including the at least one runner and the at least another runner; and  
displaying the pool of wager options on the display element to the least one patron.

31. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 30, further comprising marking an area of the displayed pool of wager options on the display element representing the at least one runner.

32. (Previously presented) The method according to claim 26, further comprising displaying tote data on the display element in conjunction with at least one of the at least one first wager and the at least one second wager.

33. (Previously presented) A system for conducting a pari-mutuel gaming activity, the system comprising:  
a display element for displaying information associated with a pari-mutuel gaming activity;  
an input device for interacting with at least one patron;  
a computer operatively configured with software; and  
wherein the software is operatively configured to enable the computer to conduct the pari-mutuel

gaming activity, wherein, in the pari-mutuel gaming activity:

at least one patron is provided with an opportunity to select at least one runner from a list of runners displayed on the display element;

the at least one patron is presented with an opportunity to place at least one first wager on a race displayed on the display element in response to the at least one patron selecting the at least one runner and wherein the at least one runner makes up a portion of the least one first wager; and

automatically responsive to the at least one patron placing the at least one first wager with the input device, the at least one patron is presented with at least one wager option including the at least one runner and an opportunity to place at least one second wager on the race displayed on the display element by selecting the at least one wager option with the input device.

34. (Canceled)

35. (Original) The system of claim 33, wherein the at least one second wager is not related to the at least one first wager.

36. (Previously presented) The system of claim 33, wherein the software is configured to enable the computer to:  
provide the at least one patron an opportunity to select the at least one runner for the at least one first wager with the input device; and  
provide the at least one patron an opportunity to select at least another runner with the input device in response to the least one patron placing the at least one first wager;  
wherein the at least one wager option includes the at least one runner and the at least another runner.

37. (Previously presented) The system of claim 36, wherein the software is configured to enable the computer to generate a pool of wager options including the at least one

runner and the at least another runner and display the pool of wager options on the display element.

38. (Previously presented) The system of claim 37, where the software is configured to enable the computer to mark an area of the displayed pool of wager options representing the at least one runner on the display element.

39. (Previously presented) The system of claim 33, wherein the software is configured to enable the computer to display tote data in conjunction with at least one of the at least one first wager and the at least one second wager on the display element.

40. – 112. (Cancelled)